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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH-331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

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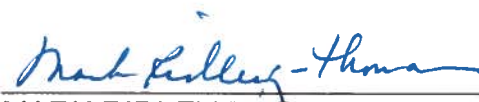
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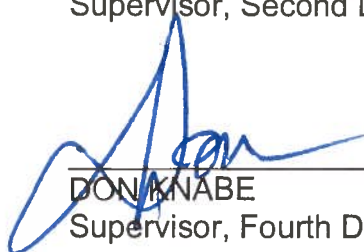
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United States Senate
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building
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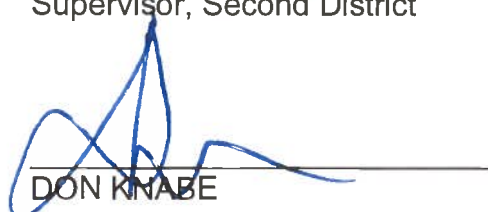
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U.S. House of Representatives
408 Cannon House Office Building
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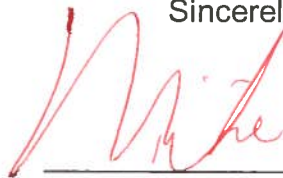
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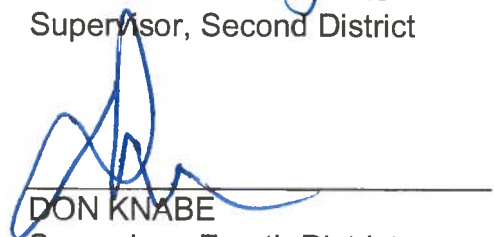
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U.S. House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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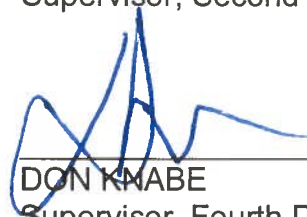
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The Honorable Julia Brownley
U.S. House of Representatives
1019 Longworth House Office Building
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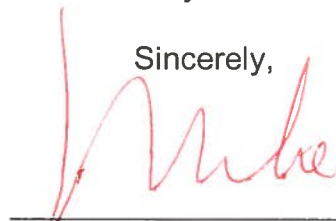
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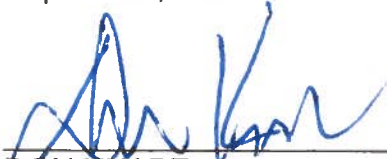
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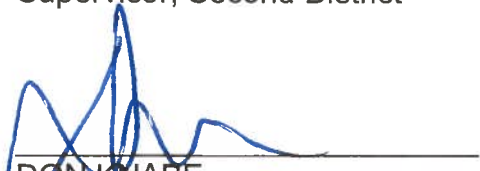
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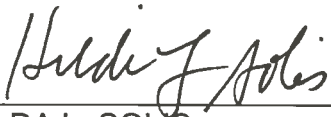
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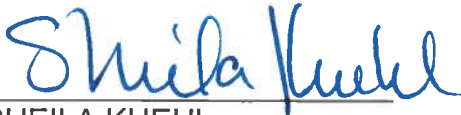
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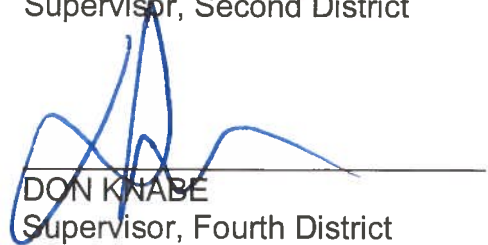
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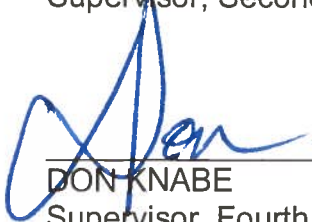
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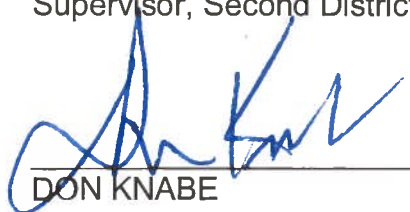
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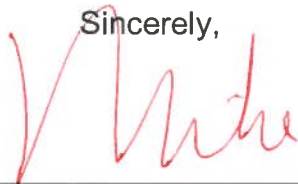
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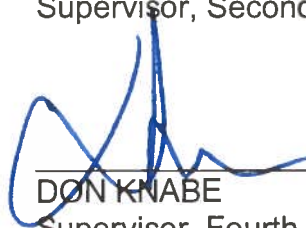
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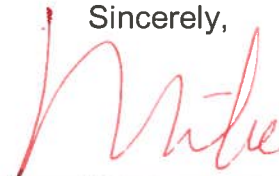
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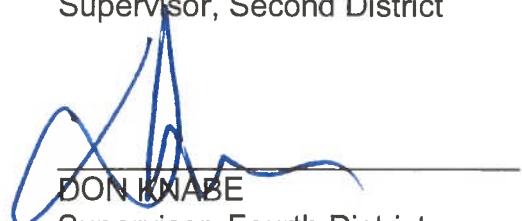
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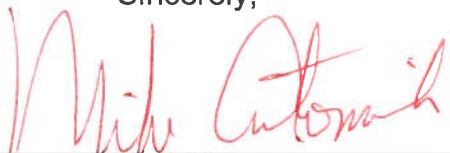
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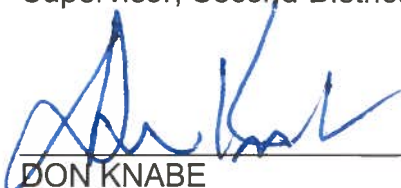
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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
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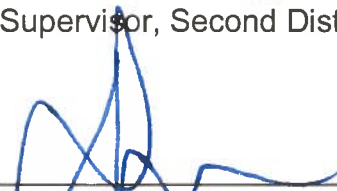
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U.S. House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
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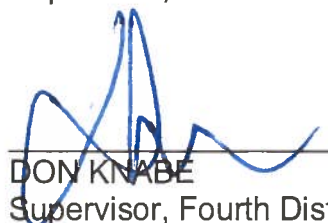
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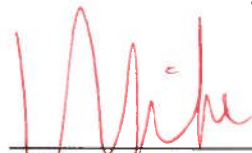
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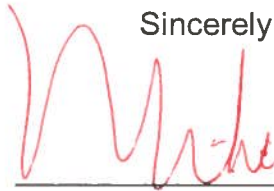
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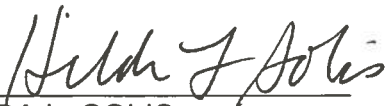
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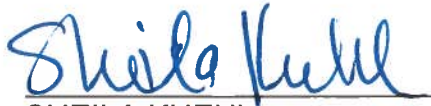
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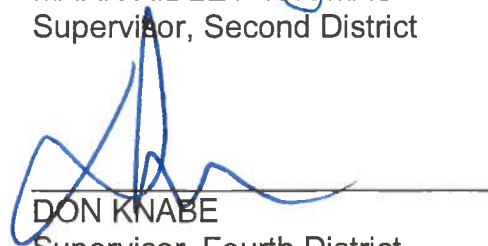
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
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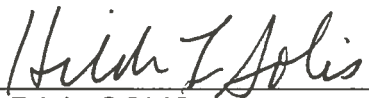
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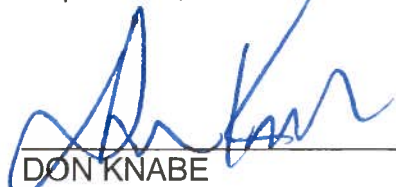
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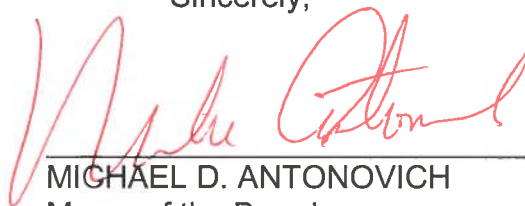

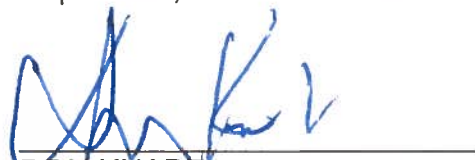
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516 Cannon House Office Building
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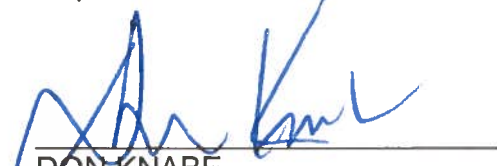
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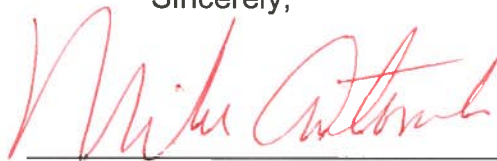
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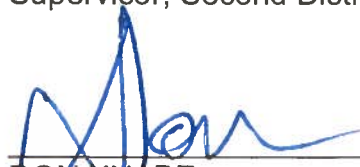
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